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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A concrete railroad tie comprising:

~~— a rail;~~

an elastic rail support;

lateral, raised shoulders and a support region disposed between a base of a ~~said-rail~~ and said raised shoulders;

guide plates including twisting-prevention devices disposed in said supporting region; and

a support area for supporting said guide plates, said support area being essentially flat without continuous, deep depressions beneath said guide plates;

said support area includes outer edges, each of said outer edges comprising spaced depressions for preventing twisting; and

said twisting-preventing devices of said guide plates comprising spaced lugs, said spaced lugs engaging respective spaced deprcssions.

- 2-3. (Cancelled)

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4. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The concrete railroad tie of claim 13, characterized in that the support area (3'') is provided with centrally disposed elevations (20), which, on the inside, form the boundary of the guide plates (6'').
5. (Withdrawn) The concrete railroad tie of claim 13, characterized in that the support area (3''), in the region of each guide plate (6''), preferably has two lateral lugs (16, 16'', 18), which engage appropriate recesses in the guide plates (19, 19'', 19''').
6. (Withdrawn) The concrete railroad tie of one of the claims 13 to 5, characterized in that the lugs (16, 16''), which prevent twisting, are cemented on.
7. (Withdrawn) The concrete railroad tie of claim 5, characterized in that the lugs (18), which prevent twisting, are formed by dowels, especially by plastic dowels (18), which are pressed into pre-fabricated recesses (17) of the concrete (2) or cemented in during the fabrication.
8. (Previously Presented) The concrete railroad tie of claim 1 wherein said tie is a two block railroad tie.

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9. (New) A concrete railroad tie comprising:

an elastic rail support, said rail support including a supporting region for supporting a rail foot, said supporting region being essentially flat, said rail support further including lateral, raised shoulders;

guiding plates disposed on said rail support adjacent to said shoulders;

twisting-preventing devices disposed on both of said rail support and said guiding plates between said supporting region and said shoulders;

said twisting-preventing devices on one of said supporting region and said guiding plates including spaced depressions and the other of said twisting-preventing devices on said supporting region and said guiding plates including spaced lugs, said spaced depressions engaging respective spaced lugs for preventing twisting.